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December 7, 2015

To: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
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From Sachi A. Hamai
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SUPPORTING LGBTQ YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

On October 6, 2015, this Board adopted a motion introduced by Supervisor Kuehl related to outcomes of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in the foster care system. The motion pointed out that LGBTQ youth in foster care have a higher than average number of foster care placements and a greater likelihood of being in a group home, hospitalized or homeless at some point in their lives. The motion directed that a Board report be issued within 60 days on the following action items:

1. Identify each County department currently serving LGBTQ youth and establish an inventory of LGBTQ-specific programs;
2. Review existing demographic data collection, intake, service planning and case review processes; and
3. Work with the Office of Child Protection (OCP) to submit recommendations no later than 180 days after the beginning of the contract period to the Board to consider for adoption.

The OCP has worked with the Chief Executive Office to identify and hire a consultant, Khush Cooper and Associates, using the delegated authority provided by the Board in its motion. The consultant's contract was fully executed on December 4, 2015. The consultant will commence services under the contract on January 4, 2016, due to the difficulty of scheduling all required introductory, level-setting meetings with various Departments during the upcoming holiday season.

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The consultant will be working with the following Departments identified in the motion, in addition to other Departments deemed necessary or helpful by the consultant: Children and Family Services, Probation, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Social Services, Public Health, Community and Senior Services, Office of Education, and County Counsel. The consultant has developed a work plan with specific dates and milestones. Progress under the contract will be monitored by the OCP and a final report with recommendations will be issued before the expiration of the 180-day timeline stated in the Board's adopted motion.

If you have any questions, please contact Fesia Davenport at (213) 974-1186, or by email at fdavenport@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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December 20, 2016

To: Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Chair
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From: Judge Michael Nash (Ret.) 
Executive Director

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE REPORT BACK ON IMPROVING SERVICES TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING YOUTH

On October 6, 2015, the Board approved a motion to hire an expert consultant to identify each County department serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth; inventory LGBTQ-specific programs; and review existing demographic data collection, intake, service planning, and case review processes to identify culturally competent improvements to the provision of services and the collection of information on sexual orientation and gender identity. A contract with Khush Cooper & Associates, Inc., was executed on January 4, 2016, for \$100,000 for the service evaluation. On July 28, 2016, the contract with Khush Cooper & Associates, Inc., was amended to extend the term and add an additional \$50,000 in funding from the philanthropic community to increase the scope of the original analysis to drill down to the division level of departments that serve youth as part of their work.

It was anticipated that our report-back on improving services to the LGBTQ youth would be completed by the end of December. However, our Contractor has indicated that transcription delays occurred as a result of the enormous volume of valuable data received from the 120 department and division-level interviews. In addition, a time lag was caused by the collection and processing of over 400 surveys. These issues affected the timely completion of the analysis. Therefore, we are requesting an extension until February 28, 2017, for the report-back on improving services to LGBTQ youth.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 893-1152 or by email at mnash@ocp.lacounty.gov, or your staff may contact Carrie Miller at (213) 893-0862 or by email at cmiller@ocp.lacounty.gov.

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